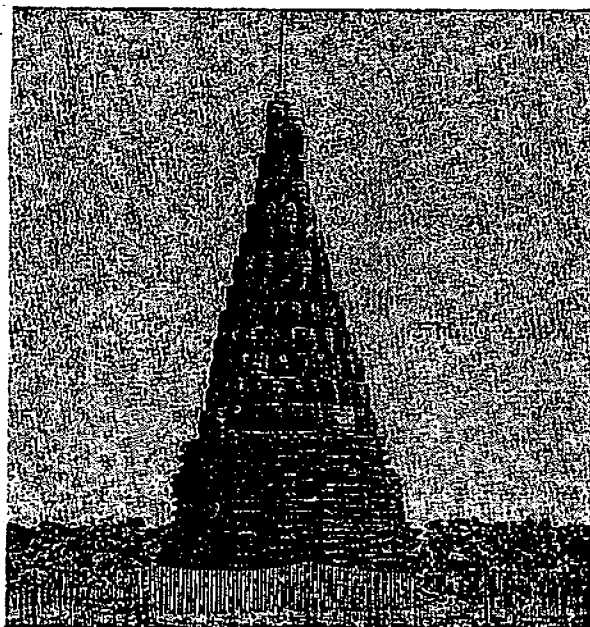


Don't Miss This!



One of the major attractions of Duxbury Days was the 75-foot bonfire which was set off at midnight before the Fourth. It was visible for miles.

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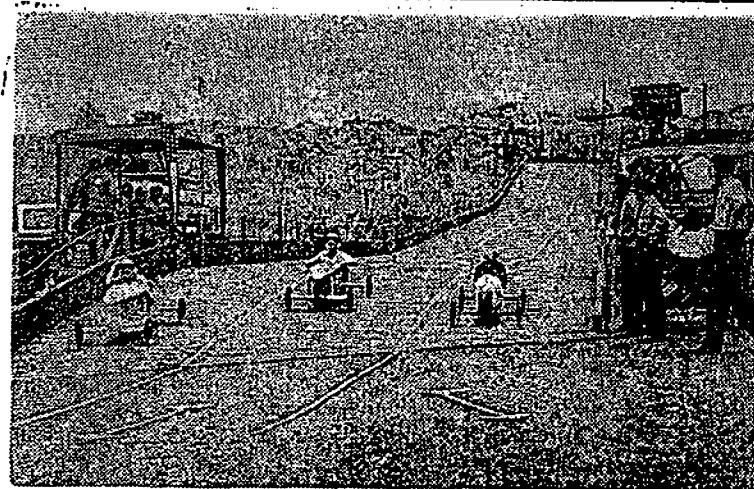
The first Duxbury Days celebration was held in 1932, when during a two-day program there were baseball games, a yacht race, horse show, midnight bonfire, parade and fireworks display. There was also a midway. So successful was the celebration, it was made an annual event.

In 1933 there were also two days of sports, horse show, bonfire parade, fireworks and two band concerts. Similar celebrations have been held ever since. In 1936 there was a three-day celebration, with a bicycle race and polo game added to the program.

The most successful year was in conjunction with Duxbury's Tercentenary in 1937, when people came from afar to visit our historic sites. The next two years brought a bathing beauty contest, treasure hunt, amateur show, doll carriage parade. The horse show was dropped. In 1940 and 1941 the Fourth came mid-week, and the celebration was limited to two days. The bonfire and parade continued to attract thousands of spectators. Duxbury Days was not held for three years during the war, but was resumed in 1946. Among the new features were a vaudeville show, model airplane meet and fire department demonstration. In 1950 during the four-day celebration two new features were the novelty races and pet show.

Duxbury Days is a tremendous undertaking, and the American Legion, Duxbury Post No. 223, deserves great credit for what has now become a Duxbury institution.

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION



Soap-Box Derby Trial Run to feature Duxbury Days this year

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